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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/840,481
	Filing Date	April 23, 2001
	First Named Inventor	A.J. VIGIL
	Group Art Unit	2614
	Examiner Name	T. TRAN
	Attorney Docket Number	59623

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on January 6, 2006
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. ☐ Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 when the RCE is filed)

a. ☐ Checks in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Acct. No. 01-0484.

c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

i. ☒ \$395.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (Applicant qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR § 1.27)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has
been forwarded via facsimile number 571-273-
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